

A taste of Second Life

Elements of the Second Life Window

This is a shot of the Capitol (kind of like a virtual version of the Washington D.C. Mall).

1. The avatar (our character)
2. A pavilion (right now you can watch movies and get information on policies here)
3. Our Inventory (our sack full of information and goodies)
4. Where we are in relation to everything else in this area
5. The menu bar
6. The toolbar



Moving...and flying

Move around a area with your arrow keys. Normally your character walks, but you can also fly.

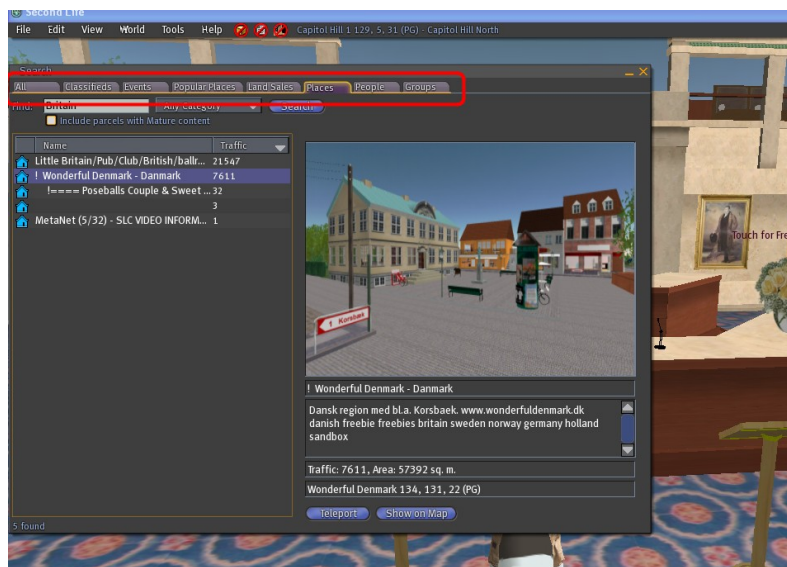
To get from area to area, try teleporting (described below).



Finding other places...

In the menu click Edit>Search or "CTRL+F" on your keyboard.

From this window, you can do searches for a variety of things including places, people, groups, and events.



Teleporting

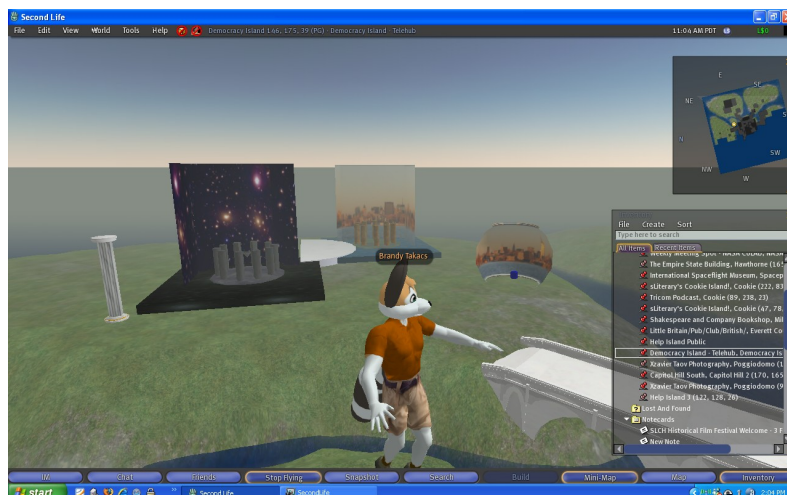
Clicking on a landmark and clicking teleport will get around Second Life very quickly. The next few slides will show us moving around to different places.

1. We select where we want to go.
2. We teleport there.



Here we have teleported to Democracy Island

A way to get around quickly is to build up landmarks and to teleport between places till you find stuff you are looking for. In the next two slide we will teleport to a literary island where they are getting ready to put on a Second Life version of Hamlet in February of 2008!



Choosing where we go...

1. We chose the link to go to the literary island.
2. The dialogue box comes up asking us if we want to teleport there.



Here we are at the Globe Theater...and they have interesting plans

OK, as promised, here is the Globe Theater...well here is a virtual one anyway.

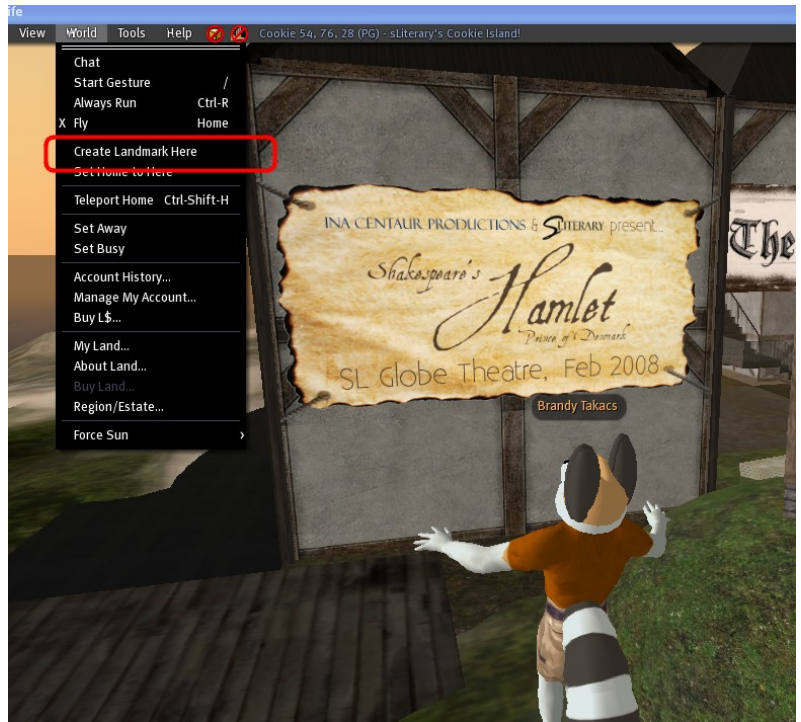
BTW: they are holding auditions in the fall.



This is useful...How do we create a landmark to come back in 2008?

1. Click on Tools
2. Click on Create Landmark

Challenge: How would you teleport back to the Capitol Hill area?



Activating content

Right now all of the pavillions are showing movies. Here we see the avatar ready to click play (circled)

1. Is a list of all the content and cards that he has picked up on his travels
2. Click the small play button and you can watch the movie
3. The movie will play on this screen



Watching a Film back in Capitol Hill

Here is our avatar watching a movie

Just like the web, almost everything is clickable.



Meetings

Though you can tell from the screenshot, this is the weekly meeting place for the NASA CoLab. If you join the group you can participate in the meetings.

